

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, line 4 with the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), of copending prior application Serial No. 09/819,185, filed March 27, 2001, of Fred H. Burbank et al., for ELECTROSURGICAL BIOPSY DEVICE AND METHOD, which is continuation of then copending application Serial No. 09/159,467, filed September 23, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,261,241, which is a continuation-in-part of then copending application Serial No. 09/057,303, filed April 8, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,331,166, which claims benefit of provisional application Serial No. 60/076,973, filed March 3, 1998, all of which are incorporated herein in its entirety.